



Monday's Letter

December 15, 2008

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

Please join us on Wednesday, December 17, for our semi-annual show of student work. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. family and friends are invited to visit classrooms and at 12:00 p.m. we will move to the gym for a holiday performance.

Special Breakfast for November Attendance Stars is rescheduled for Friday at 7:45am
Special Lunch for November Peacemakers is rescheduled for Friday at 11:30am.

This year you will see amazing work hanging in the classrooms and in the halls. The writing is carefully crafted by the students under the good guidance of the teachers. It reflects our school's emphasis on the writing program and the expectations we hold for each grade.

The works show a great integration with the arts. Ms. McLoughlin's third grade class is learning about fish. In Ms. Molly's art room the same students are creating fish prints. I walked in Ms. Molly's art room the other day and the first thing I noticed was a very fishy smell. One student was rolling ink on a real fish! Others were printing from fish carvings on styrofoam plates. What a great experience. As the students were inking the fish, they were also examining the scales and fins.

Each day I hear beautiful voices preparing for the holiday performance. Yesterday one grade was practicing the Twelve Days of Christmas while another was practicing Hava Nagila, a Hebrew folk song that means "Let us Rejoice"

Mary Theresa

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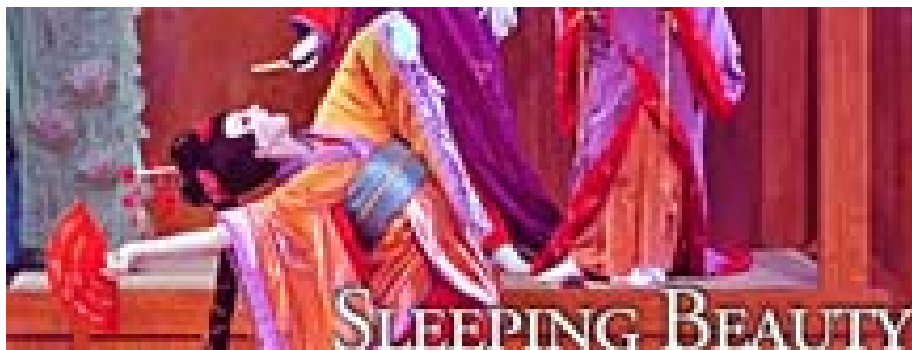
Fish Fun!

The third graders have been learning about fish for the past few weeks. We learned the parts of the fish and how they live and survive in the water. We learned many new "fish vocabulary" words such as camouflage, gills, scales, fins, vertebrate, and cold-blooded. We have been making paper plate fish labeled with



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join us

ACCS Goes to the Theater



Last Tuesday, the kindergarten through third grades went on a field trip to see a performance of *Sleeping Beauty* at the New York State Theater Institute. Although many of us knew the story of this fairy tale, the performance presented this tale in a new perspec-

tive. The play took place in ancient Japan, which gave the story a couple different twists compared to the more traditional story that we know. We were all captivated by the colorful costumes, the many stage designs and effects and watching how the actors told this story not only through their words but through their movements. It was also neat to compare this story to other fairy tales we had read or knew. A wonderful time was had by all!

Here, some Kindergarteners perform *Sleeping Beauty* at their own puppet theater after the play.



Mark your calendars:

SEND IN YOUR SEAL A SMILE FORMS!

SAGE LITERACY PROGRAMS ENDED UNTIL JANUARY.

Wednesday, Dec 17
Show of Work, 11:30am
Join us for dessert in your
child's classroom at 11:30.
Scholastic Book Fair
(find great holiday gifts!)

Mon, Dec. 22—Fri, Jan 2—NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK

For LUNCH this week, Ms. Kim is serving:

Monday: Pancakes Cheese Sticks
 Potatoes Fruit Milk

Tuesday: Beef Lasagna Corn
 Fruit Milk

Wednesday Turkey Sandwiches Soup
 Fruit Milk

Thursday: Macaroni and Cheese
 Green beans Fruit Milk

Friday: Chicken Soft Shell Tacos
 Spanish Rice Fruit